

APPROVED MINUTES  
RHODE ISLAND STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION MEETING  
OCTOBER 1, 2015  
held at 235 Promenade Street, Room 250  
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

<u>MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	<u>OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:</u>
Capt. E. Howard McVay Jr., Chair Capt. Peter Fritz, Member Frank Floor, Member Larry Mouradjian, Member	Atty. Gary Powers, Legal Counsel , RIPC Joanne Scorpio, Secretary, RIPC Craig Ibbotson, Moran Shipping

\*September 3, 2015 meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

I. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Quorum being present, the Chair called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m.

Commissioners reviewed June 4, 2015 minutes. Member Larry Mouradjian moved to approve the minutes, Member Capt. Fritz seconded the motion; The June 2015 minutes was approved by assent. Voted: 3-0 in favor.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- 1) The Chair advised that he sent a notice to the Pilots to remind them to submit their annual physical exam. The Commissioners approved the chair's draft.
- 2) Commission Meeting Changes: November 5, 2015 meeting has been changed to November 12. The Chair will send out a revised schedule.
- 3) State Pilot Board: The Chair advised that the RI State Pilot Board met with the pilots but has not produced a report yet. Chair McVay, however, gave his account on the status of the following pilots:
  - A) Adam Sanford continues to develop. The Board would like to see a few more proficient consecutive trips from Capt. Sanford in Davisville before he is recommended for a probationary license. Chair McVay said he should be ready for his exam by the end of this year.
  - B) Dale Harper is piloting full time.
  - C) Steve Crombie will be going back out to sea for about 3 ½ to 4 months. Once he returns he will be back in training.
  - D) David Gray (probationary pilot) –The Chair advised that the Board is not ready to make a recommendation for Capt. Gray's Narragansett Bay licensure. He also advised that restrictions on tonnage will be lifted for car ships on November 12, 2015 and that the commissioners should move to make a motion in advance to promote Capt. Gray to unlimited tonnage pending the RI State Board's report. Member Capt. Fritz made the motion to approve Capt. Gray for unlimited tonnage. Member Frank Floor seconded the motion. Voted 3 – 0 in favor.

- 4) Raven Equipment: Member Frank Floor stated that the IT staff is committed to the office 365 migration conversion right now, but in the event of a marine casualty, the IT staff would cooperate to retrieve the data.

5) Communications:

- A) NTSB Letter, Fatigue Policy: Chair McVay stated that the NTSB appointed a new chair to the Board, Christopher A. Hart, who will be revisiting marine accidents and the fatigue issue. In Chairman Hart's June 24<sup>th</sup> 2015 letter to Governor Raimondo (emailed to Commission members), he stated that the NTSB has not received draft regulations overseeing pilot fatigue prevention from the RI State Pilot Commission.

Atty. Powers advised that he communicated with the Governor's office regarding the letter and informed them that the Commissioners will be meeting and follow up with the NTSB.

Chair McVay stated that Capt. Bogus (president of NEP) attended the American Pilot Association's NE Trustees' meeting and discussed how the Association is looking into the fatigue issue nationally. Capt. Bogus will meet with the other northeast pilots to discuss revising their fatigue policy. He will submit their draft revisions to the Commission.

Atty. Powers advised that the Commissioners should inform the NTSB that they are currently working with the pilots on the regulations and will have them finalized for review at a timely date. Member Larry Mouradjian made a motion for Atty. Powers to draft a letter and respond back to the NTSB. Member Peter Fritz seconded the motion. Voted 3-0 in favor.

- B) USCG: The Chair stated that he sent a letter to the Coast Guard (Capt. John T. Kondratowicz) requesting their findings in the Njord Hadrada investigation.

## II. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Vice Chair to the RIPC: Member Peter Fritz stated that the commissioners discussed electing a vice chair for the Pilot Commission at a previous meeting. The commissioners continued discussions and agreed to elect a Vice Chair. Member Larry Mouradjian made a motion to elect Member Peter Fritz as Vice Chair of the Commission. Member Peter Fritz seconded the motion. Voted 3-0 in favor.

## III. ADJOURNMENT

Member Frank Floor made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Member Capt. Fritz seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:00.m.

## IV. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Next schedule meeting will be Thursday, November 12, 2015 beginning at approximately 9:30am at the Dept. of Environmental Management, Division of Law Enforcement, 235 Promenade Street, Rm. 250, Providence, RI 02908.